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For: EXHAUST GAS TREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, AND VEHICLE EQUIPPED
WITH THE APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE DESCRIPTION

Page 4, between line 5 and line 6 insert as follows:

--Fig. 9 is a plan view of combination of a reaction zone device and a water feeding system for carrying out the invention.--.

Page 6, line 19, after " the " insert -- hydrated --.

Page 6, line 29, after " the reaction zone " insert --, at a temperature lower than 100°C--.

Page 8, between line 7 and line 8, insert as follows:

-- Nitrogen oxides can be absorbed by the component which can absorb and react with the nitrogen oxides in the invention even at a temperature lower than 100°C. But the decrease of the carbon-containing particles by the reaction of the carbon-containing particles and the salt including oxygen acid radical of nitrogen, for example, formed from the absorption is insufficient at a temperature lower than 100°C. Thus a temperature higher than 100°C is favorable for the effective both decrease of the nitrogen oxides and the carbon-containing particles by changing to nitrogen N_2 and carbon dioxide CO_2 --.

Page 9, line 33 and 34 delete :